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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the reference(s) has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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The cited references were first cited in an Office Action issued February 23, 2005 by the German Patent Office in the corresponding German patent application. A copy of this Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information.

English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

Respectfully Submitted,

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